



**STATEMENT ON THE ADOPTION OF THE POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS ON AGROECOLOGICAL AND OTHER
INNOVATIVE APPROACHES**
(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

Honourable Chair,

Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Dear colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I have the honour to deliver the following remarks on behalf of the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention. We would like to congratulate the CFS for the adoption of these Policy Recommendations, providing concrete actions for necessary shifts towards sustainable food systems and in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the realisation of the right to adequate food for all. We welcome their inclusiveness, particularly in supporting the most affected groups, aligning with the principle of leaving no one behind and adopting a rights-based approach fully. We appreciate the reference to IPPC international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs) in relation to strengthening local, national and regional markets.

As you certainly know, the IPPC Secretariat has been promoting the International Year of Plant Health to raise awareness on its key contributions to our ecosystems and environments. We can see that the CFS has been extremely capable of mainstreaming plant health when appropriate, which is why it was important for us to congratulate you today, Mr Chair, for this important achievement. Enhancing global food security and increase sustainable agricultural productivity is amongst the IPPC 2020 – 2030 Strategic Framework objectives (<http://www.fao.org/3/cb3995en/cb3995en.pdf>), hence we hope to collaborate further on shared areas of work soon. We appreciate the One Health Approach including plant health alongside human and animal health.

The IPPC community too works through innovation and by establishing, implementing and regularly reviewing science-based tools such as its diagnostic protocols and phytosanitary treatments with the purpose to protect the world's plant resources and keeping trade safe. Moreover, the IPPC community has established and aims to establish several mechanisms that may support these Policy Recommendations such as National Reporting Obligations, the ePhyto solution, Implementation Review and Support System or the Pest Outbreak Alert and Response System. We also just launched the first Scientific Review of the Impact of Climate Change on Plant Pests on 1 June.

In conclusion, Mr Chair, I would like to renew our congratulations to the CFS and also express our availability to follow up as appropriate for the dissemination of the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches.